

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The invention provides an information management method comprising the steps of, when connecting a removable storage medium having a program storage area and an information storage area, to an information processing unit on the network; selectively displaying header thumb-nail images corresponding to commercial information such as images, music, voice and documents stored by the storage medium in the information storage area thereof by operating programs stored in the storage medium in the program storage area thereof by the information processing unit; and calling and displaying of corresponding commercial information and/or purchase of information corresponding to the commercial information, and/or purchase of information corresponding to the commercial information, and/or connection to, or registration of, a service provider on the network corresponding to the commercial information, in accordance with selection and instruction of thumb-nail images desired by the operator.

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